(b) and (c) Attempts at smuggling of arms by some militant groups through gun runners are going on for sometime. Our forces and intelligence agencies keep a close vigil in order to curb such activities.

Since the investigation of the matter has been handed over to CBI and the matter is sub-judice, it would not be desirable to make any further comments or give details.

Resource crunch hurts Army

1515. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Resource crunch hurts Army's war-fighting capabilities" appearing in 'The Times of India', dated the 6th May, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts alongwith the details of upgradation, modernisation and induction of equipment into the Army in the last decade; and

(c) the action plan of Government to upgrade and modernise the Army in keeping with emerging changes in military technology during the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is committed to maintain adequate level of defence preparedness to meet any threat to national security and territorial integrity. Allocation to Army is made within the overall resource availability keeping in view requirements of national security and other sectors of defence and the economy. During the last decade, a number of proposals by the Army Hqrs for modernisation, conversion and induction of equipment have been approved and implemented. This is an ongoing process which would continue into the Ninth Plan.

Sub-standard medicines for Army Hospitals

1516. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quality and value of medicines supplied to army hospitals in the country found to be substandard, expired and unfit for human consumption during each of the last three years;

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against the officials and the firms which supplied such drugs and have been playing with the lives of soldiers; and

(d) the other remedial measures taken in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) In the CAG reports of the last three years such matters have been brought out. Action as required is being taken in respect of cases cited in the report.

Trishul Missile

1517. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to pursue experiments with Trishul missile as a follow-up of recent Pokhran explosions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) ongoing development flight tests of Trishul missile are not related to recent Nuclear tests at Pokhran.

(b) Deos not arise.

(c) Trishul missile system is primarily a shor range, Quick reaction antiaircraft defence system. It can also be used in anti-missile role against seaskimmer missiles attcking the naval ships.

Eviction notices to civilian employees of Delhi Station Headquartes

1518. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 72 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 1997 and state:

(a) whether the allottees referred to in the annexure of the said reply (Sl. No. 1 to 5) had made request for allotment for a specific period;

(c) if so, the details of the each allottees;

(d) if not, the reasons and justificaitons for alloting them for a period of six months;

(e) whether the period of allotment of six months fall under the definition of temporary occupation; and

(f) if not, the rationale of trials for eviction on plea that allotment was temporary?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The definition of Temporary Occupation as given in Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971 is as under:—

"*temporary occupation in relation to* any public premises means occupation by any person on the basis of any order of allotment made under the authority of the Central Government, a State Government, the Government of a Union Territory or a Statutory Authority for a total period (including the extended period, if any) which is less than thirty days."

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) These houses where meant for service personnel. They were allotted to the five civilian employees purely on a temporary basis. The allotment was liable to be cancelled as and when the accommodation was required for use of service personnel.

भारत चीन सीमा पर चीन द्वारा सैनिकों को तैनात किया जाना

1519. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन ने हाल ही में भारत-चीन सीमा पर बड़ी संख्या में अत्याधुनिक शस्त्रास्त्रों से लैस सैनिकों को तैनात किया है; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो सरकार द्वारा भारतीय सीमा पर चौकसी बढ़ाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए है?

रक्षा मंत्र (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नांडीज): (क) सरकार के पास इस प्रकार की कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं है।

(ख) हमारी सीमाओं पर निरन्तर चौकसी रखी जाती है तथा हमारी राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा पर प्रभाव डालने वाली सभी घटनाओं को मानीटर किया जाता है। समुचित रक्षा तैयारी बनाएं रखने के लिए यथापेक्षित आवश्यक उपाय किए जाते हैं।

Missile technology to Pakistan

1520. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had earlier stated that the technology of the 'Ghauri' missile test fired by Pakistan was transferred to them by the Chinese;

(b) if so, the basis of authenticity of such information; and

(c) whether such a statement is conducive to the Government's purported objective of building good neighbourly relations with China?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to